यंत्र, विद्युत टंकण यंत्र, शब्द संसाधक आदि डेढ़ दर्जन उपकरण उपलब्ध कराये गए हैं ; यदि हां, तो इनका अलग-अलग वार्षिक उत्पादन क्या है ;

(ख) इनकी सालाना मांग कितनी है ;

(ग) क्या इनकी अधिकांश मांग सरकारी विभागों द्वारा ही की जाती है ; और

(घ) सभी मंत्रालयों/विभागों में देवनागरी लिपि में इन उपकरणों के कब तक उपलब्ध कराए जाने की संभावना है ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास, परमाणु ऊर्जा, इलैक्ट्रोनिकी और अन्तरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री श्री० के० आर० नारायणन) : (क) मैसर्स हिन्दुस्तान टेलीप्रिन्टर्स लिमिटेड ने अपने विदेशी सहयोगकर्त्ता के सहयोग से देवनागरी लिपि में टेलेक्स-संदेश भेजने में सक्षम एक द्विभाषिक दूर-मुद्रक (टेलीप्रिन्टर) विकसित किया है, जिसकी वार्षिक उत्पादन-क्षमता 8000 है ।

देवनागरी लिपि में प्रक्रिया के लिए अंग्रेजी कम्प्यूटरों पर हार्डवेयर में परिवर्तन करने तथा उस पर साफ्टवेयर उपलब्ध कराने की दृष्टि से स्वदेशी प्रौद्योगिकी का विकास किया गया है। इस प्रौद्योगिकी के साथ, देवनागरी पर आधारित कम्प्यूटरों और शब्द संसाधकों के लिए वर्तमान कम्प्यूटरों तथा शब्द-संसाधकों पर साफ्ट-वेयर तथा हार्डवेयर में केवल मामूली सा परिवर्तन करने की आवश्यकता होगी । अंग्रेजी कम्पयूटरों पर इस प्रकार के परिवर्तन पर केवल 1500 रु० की लागत आती है ।

(ख) वर्ष 1989-90 तक दूर मुद्रकों की मांग 18000 होने की संभावना है ।

उपर्युक्त (क) में उल्लिखित प्रौद्योगिकी को मद्दे नजर रखते हुए, किसी भी अंग्रेजी कम्पयूटर में उपर्युक्त सोफ्टवेयर तथा हार्डवेयर उपलब्ध कराने पर उसका प्रयोग देवनागरी में प्रक्रिया करने के लिए किया जा सकता है । अतः यह मांग अधिकांशित: इस बात पर निर्भर करती है कि देवनागरी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए कितना प्रयास किया गया है ।

(ग) जी, हां ।

(घ) जिन मंत्रालयों/विभागों को देवनागरी के साथ उपस्करों की आवश्यकता है, उन्हें क्रमशः अगले पाँच वर्षों में ये उपकरण उपलब्ध कर दिए जाएंगे ।

Aggrieved Pensioner

1974. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pensioners are aggrieved in not getting a fair deal from the 4th Pay Commission;

(b) whether Government have received representations from individual pensioners and Pensioners' associations in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to give some relief to old pensioners who are getting too meagre an amount to meet their medical expenses; and

(d) if so, what are the details of steps being taken or proposed to be taken to give relief to these pensioners who retired at least ten years ago and are drawing very meagre amount as pension?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AN PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) to (d) The recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission on pension are under consideration. In the meantime Government has decided to raise the minimum pension and minimum family pension to Rs. 375 against Rs. 300 recommended by the Pay Commission with effect from 1-1-1986.

Sale of spurious TV sets in the country

1975. SHRI THANGABAALU: Wi the PRIME MININSTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the sale of spurious TV sets of popular and well-known brands in the country; and

(b) if so, what action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government have seen press reports alleging spurious Television sets being sold under well-known brand names.

(b) To discourage the sale of spurious Television sets which result in loss of revenue, Government has recently imposed excise duty (and equivalent countervailing duty) of Rs. 600 on all Colour Television picture tubes and Rs. 150 on Black and White Television picture tubes above 36 cm. screen size.

Import duty on gift parcels

1976. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have totally exempted the gift Parcels coming from abroad from the payment of import duty;

(b) if so, the upper value limit fixed by the Government;

(c) whether it is proposed that as a matter of export promotion. Government propose to extend this duty-free concession to small value trade samples received from abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Bonafide gifts, excluding alcoholic drinks, not exceeding Rs. 200 in value imported by post or as air-freight are free of import duty.

(c) and (d) Two units each of bonafide commercial samples or prototypes of goods upto a value of Rs. 200 when imported into India by post or by air by manufacturers of export goods are exempt from the import duty. Further, commercial samples upto Rs. 1000 in value, imported as personal baggage by bonafide commercial travellers or by post or air and prototypes of engineering goods up to Rs. 1000 in value imported for executing or for securing export orders are exempt from duty subject to certain specified conditions. Prototypes of engineering goods exceeding Rs. 1000 in value are permitted on re-export basis.

Scheme for funding the installation of TV transmitters

1977. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to allow the State Governments, the Public Sector Undertakings, Co-operatives and private organisations to fund the installation of TV transmitters in their areas;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) whether Government propose to erect a TV transmitter at MANMAD under the above-mentioned scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Such a scheme already exists.

(b) A copy of the scheme giving necesary details is attached as Statement. (*See* below)

(c) No such offer has been received by the Government.